



Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)

Meeting Agenda

8:00 a.m., June 11, 2012

Hughes Metropolitan Complex
5015 E. 29th Street North, (29th and Oliver)
Mayor Kristey Williams, Chair

1. Welcome and Introductions: Mayor Kristey Williams

2. News and Announcements: Mayor Kristey Williams

3. Changing of the Guard

- A. Passing of Gavel: Mayor Kristey Williams and Commissioner Dave Unruh
- B. Official Appointments by REAP Chairman.: Commissioner Dave Unruh

The REAP Chairman shall appoint members to the Executive Committee in compliance with the Bylaws, as well as other REAP representation to various boards and committees.

Recommended Action: That REAP approve the nominations to serve on the Executive Committee and other appointments.

4. Consent Agenda and Committee Reports: Commissioner Dave Unruh

The action items in the reports have been reviewed, discussed and acted upon at the Committee level. Members of the Board of Directors may request discussion on any of the action items at the meeting or the reports may be accepted as presented in a single motion.

- A. Review of REAP Minutes from May 14, 2012
- B. REAP Committees and Taskforces Reports
- C. REAP Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Report
- D. Reports from REAP Representation on Regional Committees and Organizations
- E. Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Recommended Action: Approve the consent agenda as presented.

5. Focus on Legislative Engagement Discussion: Mayor Kristey Williams

For the June 11, 2012 REAP Board meeting “Legislative Engagement” was chosen as the theme and Congressman Mike Pompeo was invited to speak and field questions. In addition, the REAP Legislative Committee identified three topics as areas of focus: Workforce/Economic Development; Energy; and Transportation/Infrastructure. Information on each of these focus areas will be provided and the Congressman has been asked to provide a response to each topic area.

- A. Workforce/Economic Development – Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
- B. Energy – Mayor Kristey Williams, Augusta
- C. Transportation/Infrastructure – Council Member Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita

6. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates: REAP Members and Partners

7. Adjourn

The next REAP Board meeting will be 8:00 a.m. on Monday, July 9, 2012.

Mission

Guide state and national actions that affect economic development in the region and adopt joint actions among member governments that enhance the regional economy.

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Item

Official Appointments by REAP Chair

Background

In accord with the REAP bylaws, the Chair of REAP appoints members to the following:

Executive Committee

Determined by Vote and Bylaws:

Chair – Commissioner Dave Unruh (Sedgwick County)

Vice-Chair – Commissioner Brad Dillon (Reno County)

Appointments per Bylaws:

Immediate Past Chair – Mayor Kristey Williams (Augusta)

Economic Development Chair – Council Member Jeff Longwell (Wichita)

Legislative Committee Chair – Commissioner Chip Westfall (Harvey County)

Water Resources Committee Chair – Mayor Marcey Gregory (Goddard)

At-large City and Treasurer – Mayor Terry Somers (Mount Hope)

At-large County – Commissioner Brad Dillon (Reno County)

Notes:

- *The Vice-Chair will chair the Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair, however, the Vice-Chair is not a permanent member of the Executive Committee without being placed in one of the at-large positions.*
- *The Immediate Past Chair is automatically a member of the Executive Committee per the bylaws.*
- *The EDC Chair also serves on the Workforce Board.*
- *One member of the Executive Committee is appointed to serve as the Treasurer.*

Regional Organizations

Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition

Member: REAP Chair Commissioner Dave Unruh (Sedgwick County)

Alternate: Mr. Joe Yager, REAP Chief Executive Officer

Mid-Continent Airport Advisory Board

VACANT – *The Chair requests suggestions or volunteers*

Visioneering Steering Committee

Mr. Joe Yager, REAP Chief Executive Officer

Note: Mayor Kristey Williams (Augusta), Council Member Carl Koster (Cheney), John Waltner (Harvey County), Tom Winters (Kingman County), Commissioner Willis Heck (Newton), Commissioner Tim Norton (Sedgwick County), Bill Buchanan (Sedgwick County), Mayor Carl Brewer (Wichita), Council Member Janet Miller (Wichita), Robert Layton (Wichita), and Allen Bell (Wichita) all serve on the Steering Committee but not on behalf of REAP.

Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) Technical Advisory Committee
Mr. Joe Yager, REAP Chief Executive Officer

Center for Innovation and Enterprise Engagement
REAP Chair Commissioner Dave Unruh (Sedgwick County)
REAP Vice-Chair Commissioner Brad Dillon (Reno County)

Note: REAP appoints the majority of the Center for Innovation and Enterprise Engagement (CIEE) at Wichita State University Board of Directors. REAP has determined that the Chair and the Vice-Chair will serve on this Board.

Recommended Action

That REAP approve the nominations to serve on the Executive Committee and other appointments.

REAP Meeting Minutes May 14, 2012

Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas

Mayor Kristey Williams, Chairman

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta, called the meeting to order; members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

2. News and Announcements

Mayor Williams announced that former Wichita Mayor and first REAP Chair Bob Knight was honored by Wichita State University's Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs recently. Knight was presented with the Hugo Wall Award, named after the founder of school, that recognizes an individual for "outstanding service and dedication to the school." The award was created as a way to honor public servants who give back to others through professional development.

Additionally, Brad Mears, who is the director of operations for Kansas Municipal Utilities in McPherson, is the 2012 recipient of the Hugo Wall alumni award for public service.

Mr. Dane Baxa, REAP Executive Officer of Water Resources, noted that Ms. Kate Flavin graduated over the weekend and thanked for her work with the Water Resources Committee. Baxa also introduced Mr. Tom Scanlon as the new Graduate Assistant to Water Resources.

3. New Business

Mayor Williams announced that the Nominating Committee recommended Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, to be approved to serve as Chair and Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County, be approved to serve as Vice-Chair for 2012-13. The Committee also recommended that Commissioner Unruh nominate member of the Executive Committee no later than the June REAP meeting. Mayor Williams also asked for further nominations from the floor.

Council Member Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita, moved (Commissioner Willis Heck, City of Newton) to approve the recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

4. REAP Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Report

Mayor Williams shared the update information of the Sustainable Communities Grant is on page 3 and 4 of the agenda packet. It was noted that a common questions handout was developed and made available regarding the grant.

The Board was asked to consider adoption of a focus statement as presented on page 3 of the agenda packet. The Board discussed the language as recommended and determined that the addition of "cost of doing business" should be included in the focus statement. It was noted that this addition is to help people understand and know what the grant's purpose is about. It was also noted that the selection process for a project manager is in the final stages.

Commissioner Unruh moved (Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County) to adopt the focus statement with the inclusion of language referring to the "cost of doing business." The motion passed unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda and Committee Reports

Mayor Williams noted that there were several items to highlight in the Consent agenda, noting that the full reports were available in the agenda packet on pages 5-26.

Mayor Williams invited the board to review the minutes from April 9, 2012.

The Garden City matching funds for Affordable Airfares has been received, and an audit update has been provided. A legislative update is also provided in the agenda packet. The Water Resources Committee Annual Water Conference is scheduled for May 24 in Newton at the Meridian Center and is free to REAP member communities. The theme is “Hang Together or Hang Separately” and the keynote speaker is the head of the Texas Water Development Board.

Mr. Joe Yager, REAP Chief Executive Officer, reported that a new President of WSU was selected, Dr. John Bardo who had been a guest presenter at a 2008 REAP Economic Development Committee meeting and REAP/Visioneering Economic Summit. Dr. Bardo is also a confirmed speaker at next year’s Hugo Wall Day.

Commissioner Westfall moved (Ms. Diana Brooks, City of Colwich) to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Focus on Workforce Development

Commissioner Unruh explained the Economic Development Committee was created to be aware of Economic Development issues, and today we have items to share with the board. One of the top economic development issues identified by the Committee is Workforce Development. In order to understand the complex issue several experts have been gathered to provide insight into our region’s workforce system, labor market, and some perspectives from business and education/training looking forward.

An overview of the Workforce System was provided by Mr. Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance. Lawing also explained the role of the Chief Elected Officials Board, which was created as the first formal function of REAP in 2003 to hold EDC responsible for Local Area IV Counties. Their duties include setting policy for the local area.

Mr. Jeremy Hill, CEDBR, presented an updated Economic Outlook. Last year had a projection of 1.2% growth of workforce, now the updated growth figure is .6% due to the Boeing closure. Full employment is not expected until 2015, meaning 5% unemployment. The paradigm shift of employment and what are required by workers and employers is being recognized, and changes will continue in the shifting of the manufacturing and energy sectors and service based industries. Hill focused on three concepts: 1) Reemergence of two older industries – Agriculture and Manufacturing; 2) Employer and employee relationship; and 3) Generational redefinition of the meaning of a career.

Ms. Martha Webb-Jones (Spirit), Dr. Tony Kinkel (WATC), and Mr. Gabe Schlickau (Black Hills Energy) provided a panel response to the presentations by Lawing and Hill.

Ms. Webb-Jones has seen shifting demographics, to high skilled jobs and transfer of knowledge and management industry changes from the past standards. Training, partnerships, and structure to keep people engaged add to utilization of current skills. Growth and reinvestment in current employees can help retain investment.

Dr. Kinkel noted the changing standards for jobs and the changing value of education. He noted that vocational programs at high schools became a dumping ground for poor performing students, and now dropout rates have shifted to two and four year college educations. Dr. Kinkel noted that we are having a changing society with education, with too many in traditional pipelines to all have success. Having a strong workforce includes utilization of all educational levels in an area.

Mr. Gabe Schlickau, Black Hills Energy, explained the natural gas utility's business only grows when our community and customers also grow. Promotion of manufacturing jobs as a valuable job choice to kids will provide for a strong workforce and continued succession of local ownership. The energy sector has two major hiring challenges with a difficulty finding engineers and the high costs of training internally. As with all jobs, a career mentality is a strong asset to have in an employee and can be difficult to find.

7. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates

No unscheduled items were discussed at this meeting.

8. Adjourn

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

REAP Attendance 5/14/2012

Members/ Alternatives

Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta
Ms. Diana Brooks, City of Colwich
Mr. Herby Llewellyn, City of El Dorado
Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County
Mayor Robert Jackson, City of Kechi
Mr. Tom Winters, Kingman County
Commissioner Ron Loomis, McPherson County
Commissioner Willis Heck, City of Newton
Commissioner Jim Nickel, City of Newton
Commissioner Brad Dillon, Reno County
Mayor Keith DeHaven, City of Sedgwick
Councilmember Thom Noone, City of Sedgwick
Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County
Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Sedgwick County
Mr. Gus Collins, City of Wellington
Councilmember Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita

Staff

Dr. Ed Flentje, WSU
Mr. Joe Yager, WSU
Mr. Dane Baxa, WSU
Mr. Taylour Tedder, WSU
Mr. Tom Scanlon, WSU

Guests

Mr. Gabe Schlickau, Black Hills Energy
Mr. John Todd, Citizen
Mr. John Waltner, Harvey County
Mr. Anthony Swartzendruber, Harvey County
Ms. Irene Hart, City of Hutchinson
Mr. Andrew Soukup, Kingman County Economic
Development
Mr. Wynn Ponder, Ponder Connect
Mr. John Stevens, SCORE
Mr. Marv Duncan, Sedgwick County
Ms. Martha Webb-Jones, Spirit
Mr. Mike Zamrzla, U.S. Senator Jerry Moran
Mr. Cody Sims, City of Wellington
Mr. Joseph Pajor, City of Wichita
Dr. Tony Kinkel, WATC
Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder, WSU
Mr. Keith Lawing, Workforce Alliance
Ms. Amanda Duncan, Workforce Alliance

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Item

REAP Committees and Taskforces Reports

Background

Since the March 12, 2012 Board meeting, the REAP Committees received information or acted upon the issues and projects listed below. Agendas and minutes from the committee meetings are available on the REAP website at <http://www.reap-ks.org>.

Report of the Executive Committee

The REAP Executive Committee did not meet, however, the Committee was notified of issues of importance for review. The following is a report of various updates on behalf of the Committee:

Kansas Affordable Airfares Program Update

Under the authority of K.S.A. 74-50,150 REAP is assigned authority for administering the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program. The Executive Committee is charged to administer the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program and assure that all statutory requirements for programming, evaluation, accounting and auditing, financial management, and reporting are met.

Update on Garden City Proposal

In the 2011 legislative session, Governor Sam Brownback recommended and the Kansas Legislature appropriated \$5 million for continued funding of KAAP, through Senate Substitute for House Bill 2014.

At its regular monthly meeting of July 11, 2011, REAP took action to award a \$250,000 grant to Garden City contingent upon approvals by the US Department of Transportation and receipt of the local match. The matching funds of at least 25%, or \$83,334, were received and identified in a bank payments confirmation report and bank statement on March 30, 2012. In addition, the City of Garden City provided a report on activities and progress that was forwarded to the Kansas Department of Commerce with a letter requesting for the release of funds. Staff has since been informed that Commerce is in receipt of the request and processing the payment.

Legislative Division of Post Audit Request

On April 19, 2012 staff received a letter from Legislative Division of Post Audit regarding a follow-up report based on the recommendations of the audit conducted in 2011. According to the letter, this report will serve as an official statement on the implementation of the audit recommendations. This written summary of the implementation status of the recommendations is due no later than Friday, June 1, 2012. Staff has prepared an official response and forwarded it to Post Audit.

Fiscal Year 2013 Request for Proposals

In order to continue the Kansas Affordable Airfares Program, REAP released an RFP that establishes a process for fiscal year (FY) 2013 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013). The RFP including a description of the selection process and criteria was released on April 2, 2012 and

sent to 27 area newspapers, 4 television stations, 3 radio stations, and one professional publication (Wichita Business Journal). In addition, this information was also sent to the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Kansas League of Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Airports. The RFP and press release in their entirety are available for view on the [REAP website](#).

The Executive Committee also approved the timeline for FY 2013 Proposals as follows:

April 2	Release RFP
June 15	Deadline for submittals (approximately 53 business days)
July 2	REAP Executive Committee Review (tentative)
July 9	REAP Meeting/Selection of FY 2013 program recipient

Report of the Legislative Committee

The REAP Legislative Committee met on May 30, 2012. The following highlights information from the Committee.

Legislative Liaison Report

The 2012 Kansas legislative session closed Sunday, May 20 after a long and contentious session. The major issues that dominated the session remained in play until the final hours. The major issues included the budget, tax reform, and redistricting. Bruno has provided a report that covers the general issues of the session. This and Bruno's other reports in their entirety are available on the REAP website at www.reap-ks.org. The following are the highlights:

Redistricting was a consideration during discussions on all of the major issues. The Congressional and Senate reapportionment debate prevented the legislature from coming to agreement on the new maps. The disagreement about the congressional maps centered on Manhattan and which district it would be in, the 1st district or the 2nd district. The State Senate map discussion was complicated by announced challengers to sitting incumbent State Senator's. Those challengers, many of whom serve in the Kansas House of Representatives, are being backed by the Kansas Chamber. With the lack of legislative conclusion on reapportionment, the task now falls to the courts to decide. An Olathe woman has filed a lawsuit in federal district court on redistricting. The court is expected to come to a resolution on the district maps fairly quickly, due to the time constraints given the August primaries and the filing deadlines.

The tax bill that the governor has signed makes significant changes from the current law. Senate substitute for House Bill 2117 takes the current 3 bracket structure for individual income taxes and collapses it into a two-tier system. The bill also reduces the rates. The current bottom rate is 3.5% and the current top rate is 6.45%, the bill would put the low rate at 3% and the high rate at 4.9%. The bill totally exempts nonwage business income that is reported by LLC's, subchapter S corporations and sole proprietorships from the states income tax.

Other sections of the bill repeal various tax credits currently allowed for individuals including: sales tax rebates; abandon while plugging; environmental compliance expenditures, and many more. No business tax credits were repealed in the bill.

The bill also increases the standard deduction for both single head of household filers and for married taxpayers filing jointly. The single standard deduction increases to \$9000 from the current amount of \$4500 and for married taxpayers it goes to \$9000 from the current \$6000.

The bill also repeals the 2 year new pool severance tax exemption for oil production for any pool producing in excess of 50 barrels per day, provided the initial production occurs on and after July 1, 2012.

The fiscal impact of the tax bill is expected to be significant. One projection predicts a shortfall in revenues next fiscal year, FY 2014, of approximately \$600 million.

The House and Senate did come to an agreement on a *budget*. The budget spends \$6.170 Billion from the State General Fund and \$14.256 Billion All Funds.

2012 Legislative Priorities Update

The REAP Legislative Committee identifies legislative issues of regional concern and recommends to REAP legislative action at the state or federal level. In particular the LC monitors the progress on the annual legislative priorities. On December 8, 2011 REAP adopted its 2012 Legislative Priorities. An update on these priorities follows:

Maintain Kansas Affordable Airfares Program to assure more flight options, more competition for air travel, and affordable airfares for Kansas.

- Airfares was funded at the full amount of \$5 million.

Advance legislative and administrative action to secure state financial participation in:

The Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project to preserve the aquifer for agricultural, industrial, and municipal use that is essential to the regional economy.

- The budget includes \$500,000 from the state water fund, consistent with the recommendations of the Kansas Water Authority and the Governor. The budget also included additional funding in the amount of \$500,000 to come from expanded gaming revenue. UPDATE: Since the Legislative Committee meeting the Governor has signed the budget and line item vetoed the additional \$500,000 for this item.

Sediment and nutrient reduction programs that protect and sustain the region's public water supplies.

- No funding was identified to utilize the six million dollar general fund demand transfer to support a sediment and nutrient reduction program.

Aviation research at the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University.

- National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) is included in the budget at \$5,000,000.

Orthopedic research at the Center of Innovation for Bio Orthopedic Research (CIBOR).

- \$1,000,000 was awarded to CIBOR related to fiscal year 2012. This award is inclusive of the modification of House Bill 2383, which allocates \$1,000,000 of KBA funds to CIBOR through WSU. Due to the audit findings the Governor has imposed a moratorium on funding from the KBA, but CIBOR is not impacted.

- It was announced that CIBOR is being restructured and is moving to the WSU campus. CIBOR will remain a joint venture of Wichita State and Via Christi Health, but will be managed by NIAR. CIBOR will be overseen by NIAR Executive Director John Tomblin and WSU Associate Provost David McDonald. The scientific staff will be retained and continue to work on current research projects.

Support a reevaluation of current state water policy including Kansas Water Authority representation; revenue sources and distribution for the state water plan fund; and, the process for adopting the annual state water plan fund budget.

- John Bailey was appointed as a public member of the Kansas Water Authority; he currently serves as the Director of Public Utilities for the City of Pittsburg, and provides engineering expertise in water supply to communities.
- At the January Water Authority Meeting, Kansas Water Office staff announced they will begin a process to update the state water plan, aiming to align regional and state priorities and funding.

Promote science-based, common sense policies that protect the safety of the region’s water supply; recognizing that the region’s job creation potential should not be unnecessarily jeopardized.

- The following bills were identified by the Water Resources Committee for evaluation:
 - Senate Bill 272 was signed into law by the Governor on March 5, bringing important changes that will allow multi-year flex accounts for water rights. A side product of that debate was ongoing concern over the water rights associated with the Equus Beds ASR project. The Division of Water Resources in the Department of Agriculture is working with the City of Wichita and other parties to identify a possible resolution.
 - Senate Bill 310 provides for the establishment of local enhanced management areas (LEMAs), was signed by the Governor.
 - House Bill 2451 Eliminates “use it or lose it,” for groundwater rights in areas closed for new water rights development was signed into law by the governor on March 5th.
 - House Bill 2678 / Substitute Senate Bill 148 would allow sand and gravel pit operators to bypass current water regulations, as well as allow water rights to be divided without losing seniority. “Compromising” language was added in the House Substitute for Substituted Senate Bill 148 that would not allow exemption in closed areas of appropriations. The bill was combined with language that would allow water rights to be divided without losing seniority.
 - Senate Bill 375 allows the disposal of drill cuttings to be spread on land. This bill, introduced by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, raised concern for the Equus Beds as it sought to allow solid waste permits for the oil and gas drilling shavings that may contain high levels of chlorides to be spread on the ground. An amendment was added February 16th to address some concerns and was passed from the Senate Agriculture Committee.
 - Senate Substitute for HB 2526 Senate Sub. for HB 2526 amends several statutes regarding energy and the powers and duties of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

1. The bill provides explicit authority for the KCC to regulate hydraulic fracturing, imposes a time limit of 180 days for the KCC to act on applications for certificates of public convenience, broadens the definition of renewable energy resources in the Renewable Energy Standards Act to include storage connected to any renewable generation by means of energy storage equipment, and requires the KCC to annually determine and report the statewide retail rate impact of compliance with the Renewable Energy Standards Act.
2. The bill also amends KSA 55-152 to allow the KCC to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the supervision and disclosure of any hydraulically fractured well. This bill gives the KCC explicit authority to regulate wells that have been hydraulically fractured.

Support research and development efforts regarding renewable energy sources.

- There were several bills regarding specific renewable energy types, most in the form of tax bills.

Support a stronger system of business-driven technical training and education in Kansas including enhanced funding support, better alignment and articulation of education and training programs, and transition programs to better serve adult learners.

- National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT) is included in the budget at \$4.9 million.

Support federal reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to include maintaining local control through private sector and employer driven Local Workforce Investment Boards.

- There is no legislation for reauthorization expected.

REAP End of Session Report

A comprehensive report on all REAP priorities and other issues from the session is being developed and will be provided prior to the June Legislative Committee meeting.

REAP June Board Meeting Discussion

The theme for the June 11 REAP Board meeting is legislative update and the Legislative Committee was requested to help develop the meeting format and issues for discussion. In addition, for the June meeting, Mayor Williams has secured a commitment from Congressman Mike Pompeo to speak and field questions at the meeting. Therefore, the Legislative Committee discussed the potential format and desired outcomes of the Legislative Engagement theme in order to complement this engagement opportunity.

2012 REAP Regional Listening Tour

In an effort to connect REAP with the communities in the region while allowing REAP members to identify issues that are important to individual communities and could be beneficial to the region, the Committee will have several Listening Tour stops for 2012. The Committee has noted that many issues may not be of regional importance, but could be important to individual communities, and REAP should be aware and supportive as long as the issue does not hurt any other community in the region.

Proposed Locations and Tentative Dates

The following dates and locations have been selected as potential stops for the 2012 Regional Listening Tour. The dates and locations are tentative, as REAP will work with the jurisdictions on finalizing a date and location that works best for the greatest attendance. Through existing REAP contact lists, and suggested partners, the meeting location and date may be shared to reach a larger number of people. Partners, such as the Sedgwick County Association of Cities, will be utilized when possible to prevent duplication of meetings for those attending the tour.

July 12 th	Andover (Butler, Harvey, Sedgwick Areas)
July 19 th	Strother Field, Winfield (Cowley, Sumner, Butler Areas)
August 16 th	McPherson (McPherson, Harvey, Reno Areas)
August 23 rd	Anthony (Harper Area)
August 20 th	Municipal Resource Fair, Derby (All REAP Areas)
August 30 th	South Hutchinson (Reno, Kingman, Harvey Areas)
September 6 th	Cheney (Sedgwick, Kingman, Harper, Reno Areas)
September	Sedgwick County Association of Cities Meeting
TBD	Wichita (City of Wichita area)
TBD	Harvey County Council of Governments Meeting (Harvey Area)

Proposed Regional Partners

For the 2012 Regional Listening Tour, it has been recommended by the Legislative Committee to utilize partners creating inclusive and beneficial conversations with the different communities visited. Communication will be a key factor in getting community members, partners, and citizens to the table at each jurisdiction visited. The following partners have been identified to participate or provide information and contacts for follow-up.

- *Kansas Department of Commerce*
- *Kansas Department of Transportation*
- *Kansas Department of Agriculture*
- *Center for Economic Development and Business Research*
- *Kansas Small Business Development Center*
- *Workforce Alliance*
- *Workforce One*
- *Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs*
- *South Central Kansas Economic Development District*
- *Visioneering*
- *Kansas Water Office*
- *Kansas Leadership Center*
- *Kansas Department of Health and Environment*
- *Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources*
- *Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition*
- *Network Kansas*
- *United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development*

Proposed Agenda

The Legislative Committee had recommended the Listening Tour discussion to follow a unique agenda that would focus on the following:

- “Why think regionally?” The conversation with community members will follow several themes, starting with thinking regionally within South Central Kansas.
- “What we do...” An overview of what REAP’s purpose and mission will follow to show what REAP does and how its members and partners work together.
- “What are you doing in your community?” Bringing the conversation back to the community’s local issues and concerns will promote better understanding of what the focus and needs are of the jurisdiction.
- “What can we do for you?” Through showing how REAP’s members and partners work together on inter-jurisdictional issues, it can be determined what issues would be the most beneficial to be involved with.
- “How you achieving success help REAP and others...” The conversations of how REAP and other partners can help the communities represent how REAP members and support can help the specific community and their causes.

The Listening Tours will create a better understanding of each community’s unique issues and concerns REAP and partners may assist in. Detailed reporting of the findings from the Regional Listening Tour is a standing commitment to the stakeholders involved. Sharing the issues and solutions between agencies will encourage more coproduction on solving and helping the regional issues identified at the tours. Updates and final findings will be shared to all partners, participants, and REAP members to have the greatest effectiveness for the 2012 Regional Listening Tour.

Next Legislative Committee Meeting

The next Legislative Committee monthly meeting is scheduled for **Friday, June 22, 2012**, at Noon at the Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices.

Report of the Economic Development Committee

The REAP Economic Development Committee did not meet in May. The following is a report on behalf of the Committee:

Workforce Alliance E-News

A reminder that the WA has created a portal and dissemination of information electronically with the redesign of the website. One of the features allows people to receive notification via email pertaining to the calendar of events and job notifications. In addition there is a feature that allows you to subscribe to electronic versions of the newsletter, press releases, or labor market information. If you are interested please visit: <http://www.workforce-ks.com/index.aspx?page=98>.

Next Economic Development Committee Meeting

The next Economic Development Committee monthly meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 28, 2012**, at Noon at the Workforce Alliance Administrative Offices.

Report of the Water Resources Committee

The REAP Water Resources Committee did not meet in May due to the annual Water Conference. The following is a report on behalf of the Committee:

2012 REAP Regional Water Conference: Hang Together, or Hang Separately

The Water Resources Committee thanks all those who could attend the **2012 REAP Regional Water Conference**, "*Hang Together, or Hang Separately*" on May 24, 2012 at the Meridian Center in Newton, KS.

This year's sponsors for the event included our keynote sponsor Burns and McDonnell; session sponsors the City of Newton and Harvey County; and conference sponsors ASP Enterprises, Terracon Consulting Engineers and Scientists, MKEC Engineering Consultants, and Utility Service Partners.

The conference was a success with more than 100 people in attendance and positive feedback about the featured speakers, including, Carolyn Brittin, Deputy Executive Administrator for the Texas Water Development Board who kicked off the conference with a presentation on the Texas water plan and the strategies they deployed. In addition Charles Jones, Director of KU Public Management Center spoke about collaboration and the challenges we face with working across boundaries, and Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office closed the conference with a legislative and policy update regarding Kansas water issues.

In addition a panel discussion that included four individuals from four different state and federal agencies discussed collaborative solutions for regional water planning. They addressed water issues and how they work together to assist local jurisdictions. Additional information and presentations are available online at <http://reapks.org/conference.html>. Conference surveys have been emailed to all conference participants, and the deadline for feedback has been set for June 12th.

Upcoming Water Meetings

Please join us for the next REAP WRC meeting on July 9th, 9:30am immediately following the full REAP Board at the Metroplex to review conference survey results and an update on the regional water planning efforts.

Report of the Bylaws Taskforce

The REAP Bylaws Review Taskforce did not meet since the last REAP Board meeting. The taskforce has received proposed revisions for review and will meet in the coming months to determine appropriate revisions for consideration. There is no official timeframe for completion at this time.

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Item

REAP Sustainable Communities Grant Report

Background

By entering into the Fiscal Year 2011 Sustainable Communities cooperative agreement REAP officially began the 36 month (February 15, 2012 to February 14, 2015) grant performance period making funds available for the purposes of the grant.

Adopted Focus Statement

The REAP governing body is the managing entity of the Consortium and has final decision making authority. While the planning process will help in enhancing the capacity of our region to grow economically and compete both nationally and globally, REAP believes sustainability in South Central Kansas will ultimately be defined by the citizens of our region and their elected representatives. As a first step in assuring local control, REAP adopted the following focus statement for our region to guide all work conducted under the grant:

REAP Mission: To guide state and national actions that affect economic development in the region, and to adopt joint actions among member governments that enhance the regional economy.

Consistent with its mission, REAP will focus all work relative to the sustainability grant on enhancing the capacity of South Central Kansas to grow economically and compete both nationally and globally. Activity conducted through the grant will address, as highest priority, the cost of living and doing business in South Central Kansas. Specific plans that lower our cost of living and doing business and result in greater competitiveness for our region will be identified. This focus will include community engagement to address housing, transportation, economic development, water resources, workforce development, and natural resource conservation.

In addressing the cost of living and doing business, grant funds will also be applied to understanding the fiscal impact of government on area residents within our region in comparison to other regions. The impact of taxing, spending, and borrowing by government—national, state, and local—will be analyzed in conjunction with all grant work.

This focus statement provides a starting point for work conducted under the grant. Furthermore, this statement aligns with REAP's mission and with the alliance's work and accomplishments over the past fourteen years.

Grant Project Director Position Update

- A key component for the grant process is the project manager who is to be hired by the Hugo Wall School at Wichita State University, which already provides staff support to REAP. The project management staff will assist the Consortium Leadership Team and work teams in creating the Regional Plan.
- Staff was able to utilize the formal process of ranking the candidates that is required by WSU by using the submitted application and resumes. Out of 34 applicants 9 potential candidates were reviewed and five candidates were interviewed. A selection Committee consisting of HWS Director Dr. Nancy McCarthy Snyder, REAP Chair Mayor Kristey Williams, WAMPO Director John Schlegel, and REAP Chief Executive Officer Joe Yager conducted interviews between Monday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 9.
- The candidates were ranked and an offer was made to Ms. Paula Downs, the Project Services Manager for Sedgwick County, to serve as a public affairs associate in the Hugo Wall School at Wichita State University, effective June 11, 2012.
- Paula has a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice as well as a Master of Public Administration with a Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management, both from Wichita State University. She has worked in the Sedgwick County Facility Project Services since 2000, serving in her current role since 2008. She has more than 20 years of experience working with Sedgwick County and brings a unique understanding of local government and excellent project management skills that will aid the planning process.

Recommendation: That REAP formally appoint Paula Downs to serve as the Project Manager for the REAP Sustainable Communities Grant.

Grant Assistant Project Director Position Update

- With the project manager hired, and as outlined in the grant the Hugo Wall School has created an Assistant Project Manager position to support the Project Manager. This position will be responsible for assisting the Project Manager with the communication and administrative support for the broad implementation of the proposed planning process and ensuring the goals of the project are achieved. The Assistant Project Manager will be responsible for the daily operations of the initiative.
- Staff was able to utilize the formal process of ranking the candidates that is required by WSU by using the submitted application and resumes.
- Out of 45 applicants 7 potential candidates were reviewed and four candidates have been identified for interviews that are currently being scheduled.

Consortium Agreement Update

- A draft consortium agreement was developed and vetted by Sedgwick County legal. Staff received affirmation from our HUD Grant Technical Representative (GTR) Stephen Cerny that we could proceed with initiating the consortium agreement. Sedgwick County voted to approve participation in the Consortium and agreed to serve as the fiscal agent on April 4, 2012. The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) voted to approve participation in the Consortium on April 10, 2012. The City of Wichita voted to approve participation in the Consortium on April 17, 2012.
- Now that we have a Project Director staff will proceed in working to schedule with the other partners for passage of the agreement.

Work Plan Development Update

- A key deliverable is the work plan. This document will be able to be amended throughout the process, but the initial plan was due by April 13. This draft was submitted and staff is currently working on a matrix that is required.
- This draft work plan is available on the REAP website at: <http://www.reap-ks.org/grant.html>.

Financial Oversight Update

- In accord with the REAP Consortium for Sustainable Communities Consortium Agreement, REAP made a formal request of Sedgwick County through its Division of Finance to manage the financial responsibilities for the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant that established an official process from Budget Establishment through Audit Completion.

HUD Staffing

- Due to the large number of grants that our HUD Grant Technical Representative (GTR) Stephen Cerny had been assigned, HUD determined that they should lessen his load and Rachel Kirby will be taking over the Kansas grants (Flint Hills and us) starting sometime in July (she is currently on maternity leave). HUD indicated that since we are still very early in this process it should be rather seamless.

Logic Model

- HUD has finalized the development of a new Logic Model that is supposed to be simplified. This will be forwarded to all grant recipients in the coming weeks and will be due back 60 days following receipt.

Grant Workshop Session

- HUD is planning the annual convening of grant teams in Washington, DC this coming November, but many details still need to be worked out and more information will be forthcoming. This was a planned expense incorporated into the Budget for both the Project Director and Assistant Project Director.

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Reports from REAP Representation on Regional Committees and Organizations

Background

REAP strives to be a regional leader through coordination and collaboration by partnering with organizations that help to shape economic development in South Central Kansas. The following are regional organizations REAP has an appointment on.

Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition *Submitted by: Mayor Kristey Williams*

- The GWEDC Steering Council elected Steve Sharp Chairman of the Coalition for 2012.
 - Sharp is Vice President, Corporate Controller for Spirit AeroSystems. During Sharp's 26 years with the company he has held a number of key leadership roles in finance and factory operations, including the executive in charge of Spirit's Global Facilities Team.
- The Steering Council also elected:
 - Vice Chairman – Gary Schmitt, Executive Vice President of Commercial Real Estate Lending, INTRUST Bank
 - Secretary and Treasurer – Lynn Nichols, President, Yingling Aviation
- Other private sector steering council members are:
 - Dr. Scott Eilert, Vice President and Director Meat Technology Department, Cargill Meat Solutions
 - Mark Hutton, Chairman and CEO, Hutton Construction
 - Don Sherman, Senior Manager, Customer and Community Relations, Westar Energy
 - Jim Walters, Senior Vice President and Director, Cessna Aircraft Company
 - Sheryl Wohlford, President, Automation-Plus
 - Walter Berry, President, Berry Companies and Chairman, Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce
 - Gary Plummer, President and CEO, Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Public sector representatives are:
 - Tim Norton, Chairman, Sedgwick County Commission
 - Dave Unruh, Commissioner, Sedgwick County Commission and Chairman, REAP
 - Carl Brewer, Wichita Mayor
 - Bob Layton, Wichita City Manager
 - Dr. John Bardo, Wichita State University

Mid-Continent Airport Advisory Board *Submitted by: Commissioner Willis Heck*

- The Mid-Continent Advisory Board met Monday, June 4 and the main item discussed was the awarding of the contract for the new terminal.
- Following discussion it was decided to recommend the awarding of the contract to arbitration. Dondlinger-Hunt was the low bid but appears to not meet all FAA requirements for a project of this size. The second low bid was Key-Walbridge and there are some concerns with this bid as well. It is hoped that the arbitration process will not delay construction too much.

Visioneering Wichita Submitted by: Mr. Joe Yager

- The Visioneering Steering Committee held a meeting on Monday, May 14.
- Visioneering is working with the Wichita Downtown Development Corporation and Young Professionals of Wichita to help identify the Top 3 priorities that our region can focus on in the next three years. The work is part of a challenge given late last year by Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer and Sedgwick County Commissioner Dave Unruh.
 - The Committee reviewed the highlights of work done to date, work being planned for the future and the priorities that Visioneering had compiled through all Alliances, with over 95 organizations represented, and 10 regional organizations. The results provided the priorities that these individuals and groups see as critical to the successful development of our regional community over the next three years.
 - The process will now be refined and forwarded to the public in the coming weeks.
- The City-to-City trip for 2012 is in the planning stages and is tentatively set for Omaha, NE on September 26-28.

Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Submitted by: Mr. Joe Yager

- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held a meeting on [May 29](#) to receive several updates, including:
 - Recommendation of the 2010 Census Urban Area Proposed Adjustments which resulted in a proposal to use the existing area and expand where required to maintain maximum funding flexibility.
 - Updates on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including an amendment to the 2012 Program and selection of competitive projects for the 2013 program.

KansasBio Submitted by: Mr. Joe Yager

- **Heartland BioBreak:** This LinkedIn group was established to create networking opportunities for professionals in bioscience and healthcare-related fields. The group meets once a month, generally on a Wednesday or Thursday, for face-to-face networking. If you are interested in attending a BioBreak in Wichita or Manhattan, please send a note to Kelsi at kpio@kansasbio.org. Suggested dates are listed below:
 - Wichita BioBreak - Wednesday, July 11 - sponsor/location TBD
 - Manhattan BioBreak - Thursday, August 23 - sponsor/location TBD
- **2012 Hot Topics in Bioscience Meetings:** Hot Topics in Bioscience are provided by KansasBio members who are subject matter experts in their respective area. Topics include current trends in bioscience, regulatory issues and changes, breaking news in healthcare reform, capital formation, and innovation. Note: All Hot Topics meetings are held from 3:00 - 4:30 at ECJC - 8527 Bluejacket Street, Lenexa, KS 66214.
 - Hot Topics in Bioscience Schedule
 - Tuesday, July 17, 2012 - *ABFO Chapter Discussion*
 - Tuesday, August 21, 2012 - *Financial Best Practices by RubinBrown LLP*
 - Internal Control - Setting the Correct Tone at the Top
 - Choice of Entity - Planning, Pitfalls and Possibilities
 - Tax Update - Tax Changes for 2012 and After
 - Federal & State Tax Credits - Identifying Potential Benefits
 - Tuesday, September 18, 2012 - Topic TBD
 - Tuesday, October 23, 2012 - Topic TBD

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Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Background

The REAP Chief Executive Officer submits the following updates and report on relevant information to the REAP organization.

NACo Report Highlights Sustainability Strategies

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has released a quick-reference report that highlights 17 emerging sustainability strategies and includes short cases studies from America's counties. The report, "[2012 Emerging Sustainability Strategies in America's Counties](#)," identifies several new trends emerging in county sustainability. Most significantly, counties are interested in making progress but have little capacity for experimentation. Consequently, they are honing in on sustainability strategies that result in measurable efficiency and cost-savings. More often than not, the sustainability strategies being implemented in 2012 have the clearest paybacks and limited risks. "Expensive" and "complex" technologies are not necessarily needed to advance sustainability.

In addition, the research found that "sustainability" and "innovation" are defined differently across counties. Strategies need to be flexible and work across different communities. Emerging strategies included in the report are related to energy management and technology, green purchasing, effective waste management, and community planning.

The guide was developed with guidance from NACo's Green Government Advisory Board, which consists of 40 county and corporate leaders in the sustainability field. The [report](#) is available in the Solutions Center/Get Information, Training, and Assistance/Green Government Initiative section of the NACo website at www.naco.org.

ICMA Special Report on Sustainability

The [June issue of PM magazine](#) is a special one devoted to sustainability. Guest editor Tad McGalliard, director of ICMA's Center for Sustainable Communities, assembled the issue's articles to frame the current topic of sustainability accurately and to help answer the not-so-simple question, what is sustainability?

In McGalliard's [editor's message](#), he writes that sustainability is the ability of communities to consistently thrive over time as decisions are made to improve communities today without sacrificing the future. And even though the term sustainability is often associated with the environment, this is only one aspect of building sustainable communities.

Communities need clean air and water, jobs that pay wages, and a social compact within which people of all religions, political persuasions, races, and age groups live and work together safely. Sustainability

can provide the framework for building better and stronger communities in which to live, work, and play.

Michael Willis, general manager of Shellharbour City Council, New South Wales, Australia, and author of the article “[Sustainability: The Leadership Difference](#),” believes that building sustainable communities is at the core of the leadership responsibilities of local government managers. He offers that, “At its essence, sustainability is all about facing the future—of devising ways and means to meet the environmental, social, and economic challenges the future presents.” Also, “Sustainability goes beyond the preservation of places of great beauty. It encompasses the impact that our daily lives have on the quality of our local environment.”

For more information on all of the articles in the issue and to find four more articles published exclusively online under the PMplus heading, visit icma.org/pm.

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, develops and advances professional local government management to create sustainable communities that improve lives worldwide. ICMA provides member support; publications; data and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to nearly 9,000 city, town, and county experts and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of individuals living in thousands of communities, from small villages and towns to large metropolitan areas.

REAP Community Presentations

REAP staff is scheduling community presentations to members and other organizations. If you would like to request a presentation please contact staff to schedule. Recent presentations include the City of Augusta, Park City Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Derby.

REAP Assessments for 2012

Invoices were forwarded to each member jurisdiction. Members were forwarded a packet that included a letter, invoice for 2012, copy of the 2011 annual report, 2012 legislative priorities, 2012 budget, and 2012 meeting schedule. In addition, a copy of the letter and invoice were forwarded to the manager, administrator, or clerk of each jurisdiction. Please contact me if you did not receive the information. All expected assessments have been received to date.

Reports Online

REAP staff has placed the official 2011 Annual Report as well as the 2011 South Central Kansas Legislative Policy Summit information on the REAP website: www.reap-ks.org.

REAP Meeting Schedule

Meeting schedules for 2012 are available on the REAP website, www.reap-ks.org. Please note that the next REAP meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 9, 2012** at 8:00 AM. The location of the meeting will be at the **Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5015 E. 29th Street North, (29th and Oliver)**.

Also, reminder that the 2012 REAP Listening Tour will kick off in July, official invitations will be forwarded in the coming weeks.

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Focus on Legislative Engagement Discussion

Background

For the June 11, 2012 REAP Board meeting “Legislative Engagement” was chosen as the theme and three topics were identified as areas of focus: Workforce/Economic Development; Energy; and Transportation/Infrastructure. Below are several observations regarding the REAP region:

A. Workforce/Economic Development (*Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County*)

- Manufacturing is the single most significant economic industry in the region, accounting for approximately 70-80,000 jobs. For multiple reasons, manufacturing jobs have declined and most employment opportunities in the industry will probably only keep employment flat, however, REAP believes the density of aviation investment, employment, and operations together with the area’s technical skills necessitate a continued commitment to maintaining this sector.
- Although manufacturing is an important contributor to the local economy, REAP feels that the region must also look beyond aircraft manufacturing towards medical, wind, and other potential areas that could utilize our strong existing regional infrastructure, number of employees who possess the necessary skills, and strong commitment from the State and local jurisdictions.
- REAP endorses federal reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to include maintaining local control through private sector and employer driven Local Workforce Investment Boards.
- McConnell Air Force Base is intricately linked with our region through its relationship with the aircraft industry. McConnell's prominent role in providing global reach provides our regional economy with nearly 17,000 military (active and retiree) and civilian employees with an estimated total impact on the local economy of \$560 million.
- With limited local resources many small cities in the region partner with the U.S. Department of Commerce through the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, and Housing and Urban Development by utilizing various programs for economic and community development to become more economically competitive.
- REAP plans to utilize the \$1.5 million HUD grant to coordinate and leverage investments (public and private) that support existing communities, businesses, and workforce development opportunities.

B. Energy (*Mayor Kristey Williams, Augusta*)

- With our region located in the heart of the nation’s Wind Corridor we are an ideal location for wind turbine manufacturing and production. Our central location and outstanding transportation infrastructure provide convenient and economical access to the regions with the greatest wind energy activity. National tax incentives for wind energy development have spurred new industries in the REAP region, particularly Hutchinson and Newton, and also economic growth in rural counties with wind farms.

- Long-standing national tax incentives for oil and gas development, along with new technologies, have spurred new oil and gas development in the region.
- The development of new energy sources in the region is having environmental impacts on water supply, housing, and other natural resources in the region.
- REAP plans to utilize the \$1.5 million HUD grant to provide a framework for cooperation and an understanding of the capability of meeting future natural resource requirements affordably while integrating the protection of property rights with access to safe natural resources.

C. Transportation/Infrastructure (*Council Member Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita*)

- The interstate and national highway infrastructure represent essential elements of the regional economy. Modernization of this infrastructure is essential to the economic future of the region.
- The REAP region is positioned as an integral part of international commerce and related transportation infrastructure that connect the middle US to Canada and Mexico and is expected to spur economic growth.
- REAP supports reauthorization of national funding for transportation infrastructure.
- REAP seeks to support advocates of passenger rail transportation that links the region from Kansas City into Oklahoma and Texas.
- REAP plans to utilize the \$1.5 million HUD grant to think regionally on transportation by providing recommendations and strategies to achieve a safe, efficient, accessible, and affordable transportation system.

Additional information on each of these focus areas will be provided at the meeting.

Congressman Pompeo Discussion and Questions

U.S. Representative Mike Pompeo from Kansas's 4th district has been invited to provide his insight into the three topic areas identified above. The Congressman has agreed to also field questions as they relate to these topics.